

**WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON**

**The MISSING AIR CREW REPORT**

**7035**

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location Torretta, Italy Command or Air Force 15<sup>th</sup> AF  
Group 461<sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp (H) Squadron 764<sup>th</sup> Bomb Sq (H)
2. SPECIFY: Place of departure Torretta, Italy Course straight to target  
Target Linz, Germany Type of mission Combat
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:  
4/10 coverage
4. GIVE: [a] Date 25 Jul 44 Time 1103 Last known position 48°17'N, 14°19'E  
[b] Specify whether:  Last sighted,  Forced down,  Seen to crash,  
 Last contacted by radio,  No information
5. AIRCRAFT [LOST] [BELIEVED LOST] AS A RESULT OF: [Check one only]  
 Enemy aircraft,  Enemy anti-aircraft,  Other **A combination of enemy aircraft and anti-aircraft.**
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, model & series B-24H AAF Serial Number 42-95383
7. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT: \_\_\_\_\_
8. ENGINES: Type, model & series R 1830-43 AAF serial Number [a] 306131  
[b] 306148 [c] 306128 [d] 306108
9. INSTALLED WEAPONS: [Make, type and serial number] **All Browning Cal. 50**  
[a] 1184398 [e] 1194952 [i] 1194893  
[b] 885751 [f] 1194067 [j] 1194872  
[c] 1194192 [g] 1532781  
[d] 1184265 [h] 1532793
10. PERSONNEL LISTED BELOW REPORTED AS:  Battle Casualty,  Non Battle Casualty
11. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10  
[If more than 12 persons aboard aircraft, use separate sheet]

CREW POSITION	FULL NAME [Last, First, Initial] RANK, SERIAL NUMBER	CURRENT STATUS	NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS
[1] Pilot	Mitchell, Grover F., 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. 0-755392		Frances H. Mitchell (Mother) Roanoke, Texas
[2] CP	Hartford, Herbert H., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. 0-825858		Charles F. Hartford, Sr. (Father) 256 Southern Artery, Quincy, Mass.
[3] Nav	Brown, Robert S., 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. 0-695871		John M. Brown (Father) 8616 Dexter Blvd., Detroit, Michigan
[4] Bomb	Roeben, Walter J., 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. 0-685026		Mrs. Emelie Roeben (Mother) 857 Washington Blvd., Upland, California
[5] RWG	Robinson, Donald D., S/Sgt. 13145412		Landis Robinson (Father) 620 West 4 <sup>th</sup> St., Wilmington, Delaware
[6] BTG	Charland, Donald G., Sgt. 36456233		Mrs. Pansy Charland (Mother) 937 S. Holmes St., Lansing, Michigan
[7] LWG	Hebert, Ira W., S/Sgt. 38263918		Mrs. Rebecca Hebert (Mother) Box 36, Bell City Louisiana
[8] TTG	Kennedy, John L., Sgt. 39416061		Mary Kennedy (Mother) Frazee, Minnesota
[9] TTG	Trout, Jasper D., S/Sgt.		Paul J. Trout (Father)

	<b>6293603</b>	<b>Oenaville, Texas</b>
[10] NTG	<b>Harrell, Lynwood C., S/Sgt. 13032979</b>	<b>Turner J. Harrell (Father) Rt 2, Petersburg, Virginia</b>
[11]		
[12]		

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRAITE [one only] COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

NAME IN FULL	RANK	SERIAL No.	CONTACTED BY RADIO	LAST SIGHTED	SAW CRASH	SAW FORCED LANDING
[1] <b>Douglas A. Herrin</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>0-820747</b>		<b>X</b>		
[2] <b>James H. Cain</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>0-1703166</b>		<b>X</b>		
[3] <b>Edward D. Rose</b>	<b>S/Sgt.</b>	<b>12205996</b>		<b>X</b>		
[4]						

13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Parachutes were used,  Persons were seen walking away from the scene of the crash,

Other reasons [specify].

14. ATTACH PHOTOGRAPH, MAP OR SKETCH SHOWING LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

15. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTIONS OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

16. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH HERE: **No search made by this organization.**

Date: 27 July 1944

/s/ William L. Hallauer  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt., Air Corps  
Adjutant

764TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
461ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
APO 520 US ARMY

STATEMENT

As I was flying No. 5 position in C Flight, I saw the 3 ships ahead of me go down. The fighters came from behind, apparently on our level and slightly above. When one FW-190 came about 10 feet above my left wing, he hit No 4 ship flown by Lt. Stitch and forced him out of the formation with #2 and #3 engines on fire, in a spiral.

Lt. Freeman's ship, flying in No. 2 position was then hit from behind and a fire started in the bomb bay. He dropped out of formation and I saw one (1) man parachute out opening his chute immediately upon leaving the plane.

Lt. Mitchell's ship, flying in No. 3 position dropped out with one engine on fire and I did not see him any more. The No. 1 ship of our formation was forced out with one engine on fire and I did not see him any more. However, he got back to the home field.

I then took No. 6 position in A Flight with one engine feathered. The above happened within a period of approximately 1 ½ to 2 minutes, the attacking fighters attacking just as we reached the flak and we were still in flak when I got in No. 6 position of A Flight.

The fighters were so numerous and the flak was so heavy, and being engaged in trying to get in formation with A Flight, I did not see the planes after they left the formation.

/s/ Douglas A. Herrin  
0-820747  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt, Air Corps

STATEMENT

Flying position #5 on bomb run, tail gunner called "Fighters coming in at 6:00 o'clock." Four (4) FW-190's made a pass at us, pulled up, sprayed #2 ship, flown by Lt. Freeman and #4 ship flown by Lt. Stitch, then pulled up to the left. Fires started in these B-24's in forward bomb bays of each. Another pass by fighters and large pieces began breaking off Lt. Freeman's ship and it went down and to the right. I saw no chutes.

Fighters came in again hitting Lt. Stitch's ship and it went out of my view. A 190 hit #3 ship, flown by Lt. Mitchell, setting his #3 engine afire. Lt. Mitchell, presumably out of control, did a wingover to the left, then went into a nose-dive out of sight. I saw no chutes.

/s/ James H. Cain  
0-1703166  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt, Air Corps

## STATEMENT

Tail gunner in lead ship of C Flight, which consisted of five ships. Saw three ships from our flight destroyed by enemy fighters and flak. I saw approximately seven ships destroyed from four of our flights.

All 3 ships destroyed from C Flight were on fire and the ships flown by Lt. Freeman and Lt. Stitch blew up. Lt. Mitchell's ship burned until it hit the ground. There were at least five parachutes from that aircraft. The other two planes from C Flight, flown by Lt. Freeman and Lt. Stitch, had at least two or three chutes come from them before they blew up.

I could fairly say an average of three chutes left each ship. Due to the fact that we were under constant attack, I couldn't see any more. It is very possible more airmen escaped than I saw.

/s/ Edward D. Rose  
12205996  
S/Sgt., Air Corps

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>U.S.A. Name</b>	<b>ASN</b>	<b>ME-1706</b>
<b>DATE: July 25 – 44 at 11-12</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>Mitchell, Grover F.</b>	<b>0-755392</b>	<b>Missed – dead</b>
<b>PLACE: near Linz / Danube</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>Brown</b>		<b>Missed</b>
<b>TYPE: Liberator</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>Roeben, Walter John</b>	<b>0-685026</b>	
<b>764<sup>th</sup> Sqd</b>	<b>T/Sgt.</b>	<b>Hebert</b>		<b>Missed</b>
<b>461<sup>st</sup> Group; 49 Wing</b>	<b>S/Sgt.</b>	<b>Harrel, Lynwood C.</b>	<b>13032979</b>	<b>Missed</b>
	<b>Sgt.</b>	<b>Charland, Donald George</b>	<b>36456233</b>	
<b>TARGET: Airbase HQ Hoersching</b>	<b>S/Sgt.</b>	<b>Trout, Jasper Daniel</b>	<b>6293603</b>	

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN      **25 July 1944 – 1100/1200**      CASUALTY NO. **ME-1706**  
PLACE OF CRASH      **????**  
TYPE OF AIRCRAFT      **Liberator**  
REPORTING OFFICE      **Air Base Hqs Hoersching**

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
<b>Charland, Donald George</b> <b>25 May Muskegee, Mich.</b>	<b>Sgt.</b>	<b>36456233</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft</b>
<b>Roeben, Walter John</b> <b>10 June 20 Upland, Calif.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lt.</b>	<b>0-685026</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft</b>
<b>Trout, Jasper Daniel</b>	<b>S/Sgt.</b>	<b>6293603</b>	<b>Captured</b>	<b>Dulag-Luft</b>

REMARKS:  
**Dulag Luft: 7 August 1944. Wo.**

CASUALTY NO.  
KSU-1706

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: **25 July 44**

PLACE OF CRASH:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command Hoersching 29 July 1944**

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Mitchell**  
FIRST NAME: **Grover F.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-755392**

CAPTURED:            WOUNDED:            DEAD: **Dead – vicinity of Muthausen**

DISTRIBUTION:            WHICH CAMP:            TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION: **Cremated in Crematorium of Muthausen**

REMARKS:

CASUALTY NO.  
KSU-1706

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: **25 July 44**

PLACE OF CRASH:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command Hoersching near Linz,  
Danube 28 July 1944**

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Harrell**  
FIRST NAME: **Lynwood C.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK:

SERIAL NUMBER: **13032979 T43-44**

CAPTURED:            WOUNDED:            DEAD: **Missing presumably dead**

DISTRIBUTION:            WHICH CAMP:            TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS: **1 Id. Tag**



CASUALTY NO.  
KSU-1706

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: **25 July 44**

PLACE OF CRASH:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command Hoersching near Linz,  
Danube 28 July 1944**

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Charland**  
FIRST NAME: **Donald S.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **36456233 T43-42 O**

CAPTURED: **Captured at Linz, 25 July 44 at 1200**      WOUNDED:      DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION:      WHICH CAMP:      TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS: **1 Id. Tag**

CASUALTY NO.  
KSU-1706

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT  
WAS SHOT DOWN: **25 July 44 - 1240**

PLACE OF CRASH: **Hargelsberg, near Enns, Upper Danube**

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT: **Liberator**

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command Hoersching near Linz, Upper  
Danube, 25 July 1944**

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Trout**  
FIRST NAME: **Jasper D.**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **S/Sgt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **6239603 T43**

CAPTURED: **Captured at Enns, Upper Danube** WOUNDED:      DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION:      WHICH CAMP:      TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS: **1 Id. Tag**

CASUALTY NO.  
KSU-1706

REPORT ON SHOT-DOWN AIRCRAFT

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN: **25 July 44**

PLACE OF CRASH:

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT:

REPORTING OFFICE: **Air Base Command Hoersching near Linz, 28 July 1944**

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CREW

SURNAME, AND **Roeben**  
FIRST NAME: **Walter**

DATE OF BIRTH:

RANK: **Lt.**

SERIAL NUMBER: **0-685026 T43**

CAPTURED: **Vicinity of Mauthausen, Upper Danube** WOUNDED: DEAD:

DISTRIBUTION: WHICH CAMP: TYPE OF INJURY:

GRAVE LOCATION:

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REMARKS:

Report on capture of enemy craft

- 1) Downed: 25-7-44
- 2) Place of crash: Mistelbach Notauehle, Community: Tragwein, Upper Danube
- 3) Kind of capture: According to reports by population – through flak.
- 4) Crew, number: not ascertained, captured 2. Dead buried: 7, of which 5 were badly charred; buried in cemetery of Tragwein, by the community.
- 5) Type plane: Liberator.
- 6) Registry No.
- 7) Entry No. 252-368
- 8) Condition of crashed plane. 95% destruction by fire
- 9) Apparatus:
- 10) Engine No: A.F. or BU. Model R.1830.43 Manufacturers No. CP 303853
- 11) Radio Apparatus:
- 12) Propeller Nos.
- 13) Armament: 2 M.G. 7 M.G. still under wreckage of craft, which will be recovered by troops
- 14) Others:
- 15) Amount of serviceable material available:
- 16) Description of location of recovered loose parts: parts of plane: Klevator – empennage, air foil scattered over an area of 6 km, which was collected by recovery command.
- 17) Description of Area: The body of plane, a charred heap, lies on edge of mountain in a valley of the Waldaist, about 500 m. from the emergency mill near the hamlet of Mistolbach, Community: Tragwein, upper Danube (Plainsquare C K 7) Landing – possibility by liaison plane: not given. Transport to Pregarten, possible only with a truck.
- 18) Protection of wreck: none
- 19) Who will effect the recovery: 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Corps camp.
- 20) Recovery Battln. 3.
- 21) Depot for transportation: Pregarten (Linz-Budweis line)
- 22) Approximate date of beginning of recovery work: 24-8-44
- 23) Approximate date of finishing recovery work: 30-8-44
- 24) Possible obstacles and delays: Air Base Command was not notified of this crash until 15 Aug 44.

File Memorandum

Referring to a letter of the International Red Cross dated 6 February 1945  
Serv. USA Dus 2230 MS/LW

Sgt. Trout, J. 6293603 was reported to be dead in telegram 2656 dated 17 January 1945  
and reported to be prisoner of war in telegram 3126 dated 15 January 1945.

Section VIII A. V. 1847/45

Draft

Fair Copy made out 15 March 1945

1<sup>st</sup> Ind.

TO: German Supreme Hq – A. W. A. / Prisoners of War (V) Tergan

Forwarded in original to the concerning station. We received no report.

By Order:

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KENNEDY, John L.**

Rank: **Sgt.**

Serial number: **39 416 061**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Nose Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **No.**

Where? :

If not, why not? **He was killed in action.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **He told the pilot how uneasy he felt in the nose turret.**

Was he injured? :

Where was he when last seen? **He was in nose turret – we knew he was killed by direct contact of 20 mm which blew off nose of plane.**

Any hearsay information: :

Source: **Lt. Walter Roeden – bombardier.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He died while engaging the enemy fighters.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **½ first mission**

Dates and destinations if possible: **July 25, 1944 Linz, Austria.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HARRELL, Lynwood C.**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **13 032 979**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? **No.**

Where? **;**

If not, why not? **He was wounded badly.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **I put an oxygen mask on his face to help him – no results.**

Was he injured? **Yes – very badly – legs – body - hands.**

Where was he when last seen? **In the waist area of plane – slumped over.**

Any hearsay information: **He was hit bad by 20 mm and 79 mg bullets all through his body and I believe he lost consciousness while still in plane.**

Source: **My own eyes.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **I do not believe he is alive because he was wounded so badly.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **47 ½.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Unknown.**

## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Charland, Donald G.** Rank **S/Sgt.** Serial No. **36456233**
2. Organization **461<sup>st</sup>** Gp Commander **Glantzberg** Rank **Col** Sqn CO **Goree** Rank **Maj.**
3. What year **1944** month **July** day **25** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **Linz, Austria**, target, **Herman Goering Tank Factory**, target time, **1115**, altitude, **21,500 ft** route scheduled, **over Adriatic Sea**, route flown **same**
5. Where were you when you left formation? **We were still in ??.**
6. Did you bail out? **Yes.**
7. Did other members of crew bail out? **Yes – Jasper Trout – Walter Roeben.**
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No knowledge". **No knowledge.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **No knowledge.**
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) **No knowledge.**
11. Where were they in aircraft?.
12. What was their condition? **S/Sgt. Harrell was in bad shape.**
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **S/Sgt. D. D. Robinson – in perfect shape ready to go out with chute on. I don't know why he did not get out.**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **I met Jasper Trout and Walter Roeben at Dulag Luft near Wetzlar, Germany. J. Trout had been burnt on hands and face quite badly. Walter Roeben was OK but at the time was badly shaken up.**



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name **Jasper D. Trout** Rank **S/Sgt.** Serial No. **6293603**
2. Organization **461<sup>st</sup>** Gp Commander **Glantzberg** Rank **Col** Sqn CO **Goree** Rank **Maj.**
3. What year **1944** month **July** day **25** did you go down?
4. What was the mission, **49<sup>th</sup>**, target, **Herman Goering Tank Factory**, target time, **1149**, altitude, **24,000 ft** route scheduled, **no knowledge**, route flown **no knowledge**.
5. Where were you when you left formation? **On bomb run.**
6. Did you bail out? **Yes.**
7. Did other members of crew bail out? **Bombardier, ball gunner.**
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No knowledge". **No knowledge.**
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? **No knowledge.**
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) **No knowledge.**
11. Where were they in aircraft? **No knowledge.**
12. What was their condition? **No knowledge.**
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? **I saw left waist gunner lying on floor; right waist gunner at his gun, just before ship caught on fire.**
- 14 Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. **No knowledge.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MITCHELL, Grover F.**

Rank: **1<sup>st</sup> Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755392**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Pilot**

Did he bail out? **I do not know.**

Where? **Over Linz, Austria if he did.**

If not, why not? **Unknown.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **I was given order to fire on enemy fighters – received order.**

Was he injured? **Unknown.**

Where was he when last seen? **I knew of his presents up on the flight deck.**

Any hearsay information: **After meeting the bombardier in POW camp, he said a frontal attack took place and he believed both pilot and co-pilot were killed.**

Source: **Through Lt. Walter Roeden – bombardier.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:.

Total number of missions of above crew member: **49 ½ recorded at H.Q.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Unknown.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HARTFORD, Hebert H.**

Rank: **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.**

Serial number: **0-825858**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **I do not know.**

Where? **Over Linz, Austria if he did.**

If not, why not? **Unknown.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Had commented on the fact that he had only been married one month.**

Was he injured? **Unknown.**

Where was he when last seen? **His presents was known in plane.**

Any hearsay information: **After meeting bombardier in POW camp, he said a frontal attack took place and he believed both pilot and co-pilot were killed.**

Source: **Lt. Walter Roeden – bombardier.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:.

Total number of missions of above crew member: **½ first mission**

Dates and destinations if possible: **July 25, 1944 – target - Linz, Austria.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BROWN, Robert S.**

Rank: **1<sup>st</sup> Lt.**

Serial number: **0-695871**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **Unknown.**

Where?;

If not, why not? **Unknown.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **Overheard conversation about route to be taken going home.**

Was he injured? **Unknown.**

Where was he when last seen? **His presents were known to be on the flight deck.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:;

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:;

Total number of missions of above crew member: **49 ½.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Unknown.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ROBINSON, Donald D.**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **13145412**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Right waist gunner**

Did he bail out? **No!**

Where?;

If not, why not? **He was scared to – did not realize situation.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **None.**

Was he injured? **No!**

Where was he when last seen? **Standing near escape hatch with chute on.**

Any hearsay information: **This information I can verify as I was the one that seen this action.**

Source: **My own eyes.**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **He must have been scared – he had an open escape hatch to go out of and had chute on ready to go out. I can't believe he was wounded or later killed.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **½ first mission.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **July 25, 1944 – Linz, Austria.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HEBERT, Ira W.**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **38263918**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Left waist gunner**

Did he bail out? **Unknown!**

Where?;

If not, why not? **Unknown.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **None.**

Was he injured? **Unknown!**

Where was he when last seen? **We knew he was in his turret.**

Any hearsay information: **None.**

Source:;

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:;

Total number of missions of above crew member: **49 ½ last one.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **Unknown.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **MITCHELL, Grover F.**

Rank: **1<sup>st</sup> Lt.**

Serial number: **0-755392**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Pilot**

Did he bail out? **No.**

Where?;

If not, why not? **No knowledge.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **No knowledge.**

Was he injured? **No knowledge.**

Where was he when last seen?;

Any hearsay information: **No.**

Source:;

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **No.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **49.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **No knowledge.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HARTFORD, Hebert H.**

Rank: **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.**

Serial number: **0-825858**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? **No.**

Where?;

If not, why not? **No knowledge.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **No knowledge.**

Was he injured? **No knowledge.**

Where was he when last seen?;

Any hearsay information: **No.**

Source:;

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **No.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **1<sup>st</sup> mission.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **July 25, 1944 – target - Linz, Austria.**



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **BROWN, Robert S.**

Rank: **1<sup>st</sup> Lt.**

Serial number: **0-695871**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Navigator**

Did he bail out? **No.**

Where?;

If not, why not? **No knowledge.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **No.**

Was he injured? **No knowledge.**

Where was he when last seen?;

Any hearsay information: **No.**

Source:;

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **No.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **50.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **No knowledge.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **ROBINSON, Donald D.**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **13145412**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Right waist gunner**

Did he bail out? **No!**

Where?:

If not, why not? **No knowledge.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:.

Was he injured? **No knowledge.**

Where was he when last seen? **In the waist.**

Any hearsay information: **No.**

Source:.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **No.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **First mission.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **July 25, 1944 – Linz, Austria.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HEBERT, Ira W.**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **38263918**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Left waist gunner**

Did he bail out? **No!**

Where?;

If not, why not? **No knowledge.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:;

Was he injured? **No knowledge!**

Where was he when last seen?;

Any hearsay information: **No.**

Source:;

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **No.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **50.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **No knowledge.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **KENNEDY, John L.**

Rank: **Sgt.**

Serial number: **39 416 061**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Nose Turret Gunner**

Did he bail out? **No.**

Where? **;**

If not, why not? **No knowledge.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: **;**

Was he injured? **No knowledge.**

Where was he when last seen? **;**

Any hearsay information: **No.**

Source: **;**

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: **No.**

Total number of missions of above crew member: **First mission**

Dates and destinations if possible: **July 25, 1944 Linz, Austria.**

INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Name of crew member: **HARRELL, Lynwood C.**

Rank: **S/Sgt.**

Serial number: **13 032 979**

Position: Crew (Bomber) **Left Waist Gunner**

Did he bail out? **No.**

Where? :

If not, why not? **No knowledge.**

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: :

Was he injured? **Yes.**

Where was he when last seen? **Lying in the waist.**

Any hearsay information: **No.**

Source: :

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: :

Total number of missions of above crew member: **49.**

Dates and destinations if possible: **No knowledge.**

Meldung über den Abschub eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges

Abschub-Nr. ME-1706

Abschubtag und Zeit: **25.7.44 – 11-12.00**  
Abschubort: **Linz**  
Flugzeugtyp: **Liberator**  
Meldende Dienststelle: **Pl.H.Kdtr. Hoersching**

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